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DR. CUMMINGS ADDRESSES MLA GROUP

Dr. Martin M. Cummings, Director of NLM, spoke before the New York Regional Group of the Medical Library Association in the President's Gallery of the New York Academy of Medicine on April 22. The subject of his talk was "The Federal Government and Medical Libraries."

In his speech Dr. Cummings pointed out NLM's awareness of the nation's medical library problems and needs and discussed NLM's plans for extramural programs of assistance for the nation's medical libraries.

He called for development of objective requirements, new ideas, planning, initiative, and energy as prerequisites to the initiation of an effective program of Federal support. He encouraged thoughtful and careful planning in the areas of construction, training, fellowships, research, resources and the development of regional libraries.

He concluded: "To a great extent, the initiative for planning for the future, as well as the major responsibility for making these grant programs work effectively, will be yours as well as ours."

DR. FRANK B. ROGERS RECEIVED PHS AWARD

Dr. Frank B. Rogers, who retired in August 1963 as Director of the National Library of Medicine to become Professor of Medical Bibliography and Librarian of the Denison Memorial Library at the University of Colorado Medical Center, returned to Washington April 10 to receive a Distinguished Service Medal, the highest award of the Public Health Service.

Secretary Anthony J. Celebrezze of the U. S. Department of Health, Education, and Welfare, presented the award to Dr. Rogers "in recognition of his outstanding service in establishing the National Library of

Medicine as the best, the largest and the most accessible library in the world today devoted to health publications; in his development and use of electronic systems for the storage and retrieval of information geared to present day progress in medicine and health, and for his outstanding leadership and widespread contributions to the medical library profession."

Dr. Rogers holds degrees in both medicine and library science and saw combat service as an infantry battalion surgeon in the Philippines during World War II. He is the Immediate Past President of the Medical Library Association, and served as general chairman of the Second International Congress on Medical Librarianship held in Washington, D. C. last year. In 1961 the MLA honored him with the Marcia C. Noyes Award.

Dr. Rogers was born in Norwood, Ohio on December 31, 1914, and graduated from Yale University in 1936. He was a staff writer for Newsweek Magazine until entering Ohio State University Medical School from which he graduated in 1942. Subsequently he served in the U. S. Army Medical Corps until 1960 when he accepted the rank of Medical Director in the Public Health Service. While serving in the Army he completed the requirements at Columbia University for a master of science degree in library science, and became Director of the Army Medical Library in 1949.

MRS. MAXINE HANKE APPOINTED TO NLM EXTRAMURAL PROGRAM

Mrs. Maxine Hanke, formerly Head of the Loan and Stack Section, Reference Services Division, returned to NLM from maternity leave on April 20 to assume her duties as Staff Assistant for Library Resources and Facilities in the NLM Extramural Program.

Mrs. Hanke's responsibilities will include the planning and development of studies related to the establishment of national policies and programs of medical library support in the area of medical literature resources, and medical library manpower and facilities.

Mrs. Hanke was born in St. Petersburg, Florida and received her B.A. in 1955 from the University of Portland where she graduated as a language major. She later attended the University of Washington in Seattle to earn a Master of Arts degree in Library Science in 1958. That same year she came to NLM as an intern, and after spending three months in each of the four divisions, she began to work for Mr. Seymour Taine as Head of the Editorial Section. Later she became a Special Assistant to Mr. Samuel Lazerow and finally Head of the Loan and Stack Section. She was married in 1962 to Mr. Charles Hanke. They have one son, born December 31, 1963.

"LIBRARY/USA" AT WORLD'S FAIR

The American Library Association has been awarded a grant of $20,000 for a scholarship program to staff a library exhibit, "Library/USA," at the New York World's Fair. The exhibition will appear at the Information Center within the U. S. Pavilion.

The grant, representing 20 scholarships, supplements about $55,000 already contributed by private industry, library associations, and other private, public and government sources. The scholarships will cover the training and expenses of 288 professional librarians needed to staff the fair from April to October, 1964 and 1965. The National Library of Medicine has been asked to fill four staff positions during the summer of 1965. The recipients of the scholarships will receive special training to act as guides and hostesses.

The training program given in New York, will include an introduction to the philosophy of "Library/USA," the application of electronic data processing equipment and techniques to library operations, and their significance to library operations.

"Library/USA" will occupy approximately 7,000 square feet provided by the commissioner of the U. S. Pavilion. "Library/USA" will include such features as a reference service, a computer and communications section, a modern children's library, and an adult reading area which will contain copies of the recently chosen White House book collection. A Univac 490 Real-Time Computer System will provide information relating to subjects covered by the pavilion theme: "Challenge to Greatness," a broad review of the history and development of the nation. NLM will be represented by four color photographs of the reading room, the card catalog, the computer room, and a Recordak camera.

NLM IS HOST TO MEDICAL HISTORIANS

Along with the National Institutes of Health and the Smithsonian Institution, the National Library of Medicine was host to the 37th Annual Meeting of the American Association for the History of Medicine.

The 158 delegates spent the first day, April 30, at NLM, and the second day, May 1, at NIH and the Smithsonian.

Dr. Martin M. Cummings, Director of NLM, welcomed the delegates. In his talk he drew attention to the fact that 1964 is the 400th anniversary of the birth of Galileo Galilei and to the contributions that Galileo made to medicine. Dr. Cummings also revealed that the House of Representatives, in its recent action on appropriations for the Department of Health,

Education, and Welfare, had increased the NLM budget by $180,000 for expanded studies in the history of medicine. The action still must be approved by the Senate.

Chairman of the General Session was Dr. Warner Wells, of Chapel Hill, North Carolina.

The Garrison Lecture, "Women and Medicine in Ante-Bellum America," was presented by Dr. John B. Blake, Chief, History of Medicine Division, NLM. Dr. Blake discussed the motives of the women going into the health professions during the years before the Civil War and the opposition they encountered.

The balance of the April 30 session included the following:

Address by the President of the Association
Lloyd G. Stevenson, New Haven, Conn.
"New Diseases"

"Scientific Method in Early Eighteenth Century Medicine"
Lester S. King, Chicago, Ill.

"European Impressions of Japanese Medicine During the Tokugawa Period"
Ilza Veith, San Francisco, Cal. (Read in her absence.)

"Augustin-Jacob Landre-Beauvais (1772-1840): A Neglected Forerunner in the History of Rheumatoid Arthritis"
Lawrence C. Parish, Philadelphia, Pa.

"Ethics of the Surgeon"
Leo M. Zimmerman, Chicago, Ill.

"Thomas Lyle, Medical Student"
L. R. C. Agnew, Kansas City, Kan.

"Samuel Johnson's Medical Illness and His 'Aegri Ephemeris'"
Lawrence C. McHenry, Jr., Washington, D. C.

For the annual dinner at the Sheraton-Park Hotel in Washington, Leona Baumgartner, Assistant Administrator for the Office of Human Resources and Social Development, Agency for International Development, was the keynote speaker.

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